

The Bee

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

EARLINGTON, HOPKINS COUNTY, KY., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1910

No. 7

HENRY JONES IS ACQUITTED

Tried for the Accidental Killing
of Pete Miles in 1909.

JURY WAS OUT BUT SHORT TIME

Henry G. Jones was acquitted Tuesday afternoon of the charge against him under the indictment for the death of Pete Miles, who was accidentally struck by a bullet from Jones' revolver during a difficulty with John Wilson, in Earlington some months ago. The trial was taken up in the Hopkins Circuit Court Monday morning and occupied practically all of the two days. The prosecution was conducted by Commonwealth Attorney Grayot and County Attorney Sybert. The defense was in the hands of W. J. Cox and O. J. Waddill. All of the lawyers mentioned spoke before the jury. The sentiment throughout the audience in the room was strongly in favor of acquittal. The jury was out but a short time before returning the verdict. Mr. Jones was at liberty, under bond, during the trial. The court room was well filled to hear the speeches and the people were manifestly pleased at the verdict. After the verdict was announced the discharged defendant was congratulated by numerous friends, upon the fortunate outcome of the case, and his return to Earlington was occasion for further friendly congratulations. Mr. Jones has been continuously at liberty, under bond, since the occurrence of the deplorable accident.

In his speech to the jury Mr. Grayot acknowledged that there was nothing in the case to sustain a charge of murder, but maintained that the defendant was guilty of manslaughter and made a strong plea that the jury find for the Commonwealth. Mr. Sybert made a dispassionate but earnest argument in favor of conviction. Both Mr. Cox and Mr. Waddill made strong and telling arguments asking for the acquittal of their client. No one was present in the court during the trial representing the relatives of Mr. Miles, and this was taken as proof that his relatives did not hold the defendant criminally responsible for his death. The case took a number of Earlington people to Madisonville for the two days it was being tried.

BOYD GIVEN TWO YEARS

In Penitentiary For Killing Pierce Perkins
at Barnsley.

J. H. Boyd, at his second trial for murder, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. He was charged with the killing of Pierce Perkins, about two years ago, while Boyd was marshal of Barnsley. He protested his innocence at both trials.

At the first trial he was given twelve years in the penitentiary, but Judge Gordon allowed him a new trial, with the above result.

NORTONVILLE BANK CLOSED

But Depositors Will Not Lose Any Thing
As They Will Be Paid In Full.

The First State Bank, of Nortonville, has closed its doors for the purpose of liquidation. It is understood that it has never been a paying institution, and some bad loans hastened the closing. The stockholders state that all depositors will be paid in full.

NO DANGER IN COMET'S TAIL.

Prof. Frost Says There Isn't Enough
Poisonous Gas to Do Any Harm.

(Chicago Evening Post.)

"No, we aren't all going to be snuffed out like bugs in the entomologist's bottle when Halley's comet sweeps its tail over the earth," was the assurance given by Prof. Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes observatory, after reading a dispatch today from Berkeley, Cal., in which the deadly possibility was set forth.

Although admitting that there is cyanogen gas in the comet's tail and that cyanogen gas when mixed with our terrestrial atmosphere in sufficient quantity is as fatal as lightning, the professor said, or rather intimated, that there's not enough of the poison in the heavenly vagrant's tail to make a beetle blink. Prof. Frost said:

"There isn't the slightest danger. In the first place the comet's tail may not be long enough to reach the earth. In the second place the density of this tail is so slight as to be almost nothing."

"But there is cyanogen gas in the tail, isn't there?"

"Oh, yes. The density of the tail, however, is about the density of the vacuum in an electric light bulb. Cyanogen is a deadly poison and if it were present in sufficient quantities it would no doubt mean death."

BODY OF MAN FOUND

Near Victoria Pond—Head Crushed and
Foot Play Suspected.

Tuesday afternoon, two men while putting out a small fire in an old field near Victoria mines, found the dead body of a white man, partly decomposed, who evidently met death by foul means, as his skull was fractured. Papers found on him show that he was a stranger here and was named Roland Snodgrass, of Maumee, Ill. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by unknown causes. The county officials telegraphed to Maumee, but at the time this was written, had heard nothing from them. If not heard from, the body will be buried in Potter's field at the county's expense.

FOOT CUT OFF IN ACCIDENT.

Arthur Daves Falls From Moving Train
Near Barnsley.

Arthur Daves, a brakeman, who was "dead heading" home with Conductor Tom Hart Sunday morning, fell from the front platform of the caboose and his foot was cut off a little above the ankle.

He was picked up soon after by the crew of a through freight and brought to the St. Bernard hospital, where surgical attention was given him, and is now doing very well. Mr. Daves formerly lived in Madisonville, and has only been a citizen of this city a few months.

NIGHT RIDER ECHO.

Italian Fruit Vender Sues Hopkinsville for
Loss of Store.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 14.—Thomas Dattilo, an Italian, through his attorneys, John Stites and Thimble & Bell, filed suit today in the Christian Circuit Court against the city of Hopkinsville for \$2,000.

The suit is an echo of the night rider raid on Hopkinsville, Dec. 7, 1907, his store being destroyed by flames, catching from buildings set on fire by night riders.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK MONDAY

Fireman and Engineer Killed on
Elkton Branch of L. & N.

CONDUCTOR JNO. LONGSTAFF
BRUISED, BUT NOT SERIOUSLY.

Passenger train No. 84, on the Elkton branch of the L. & N., left the track a few miles below Elkton Monday morning, overturning the engine, killing instantly Engineer Wesley Hitt, and severely scalding Fireman M. A. McAfee, who died from his injuries Monday night. Conductor John Longstaff, formerly of this place, was bruised about the body by falling trunks, but his injuries are not serious. Several of the passengers were bruised, but none seriously hurt. The wreck was caused by spreading rails, and the engine and baggage car are completely wrecked.

Engineer Hitt, who was killed, was promoted only a short while ago, and had been on the Elkton branch only a few weeks. The remains of both men were taken to Nashville for burial.

TRUE STORY OF A MARVELOUS SNOW STORM.

Big as Snowballs or Old-Fashioned Buck-
wheat Cakes.

It snowed the other day in Massachusetts and the Springfield Republican tells the story like this:

"The biggest snowflakes a good many of us ever saw fell yesterday. Indeed, it is a joke to call them flakes. Some of the chunky ones were about the size of good old-fashioned buckwheat cakes that mother used to make before they went out of style. No one will dispute the statement that pieces of snow came down yesterday that were at least three inches in diameter. Three or four of them would cover any hat but a modish one. A single flake in the back of the neck was as good as a sponge bath. If you tried to look up somebody hit you in the eye with a soft, squashy snow ball, you thought. The spectacular performance began about 4:30 p. m. and lasted for half an hour or so."

FIVE KILLED

As the Result of Misunderstanding of
Orders.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 14.—Five were instantly killed and eight seriously injured and a score slightly hurt in a wreck between two trains on the Georgia, Southern & Florida railroad near here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The cause is believed to be a misunderstanding of orders by one of the train crew. The engines, baggage and express cars of both trains are a total wreck and the other coaches were piled on top of each other.

SENATOR TILLMAN LOSES

Custody of Children Awarded to the
Mother.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 15.—The state supreme court today handed down a decision in the Tillman habeas corpus case taking Senator Tillman's grand children from him and awarding their custody to their mother.

Mrs. Tillman, Jr., named in her suit that Senator Tillman and his wife took her children without her authorizing the act and kept them from seeing her, although she had a home and an independent fortune of her own.

VALENTINE PARTY

Given by Miller and Ben Evans Monday
Evening at Their Home.

One of the most delightful affairs ever enjoyed here was the valentine party given by Miller and Ben Evans Monday evening at the handsome Evans home on East Main.

The twelfth grade of the Madisonville high school, of which Miller is one, together with a number of Earlington's young people, were guests, about thirty-six in all, and a few of the "older" friends participated in the merry making, which began on the arrival of the first guest and continued till the last good night was said. Several games of finch were played, the tally cards being hand painted hearts with cupids.

Sweet strains of piano and string music filled the air, making the scene more enchanting as the daintily gownned maidens and gallant youths flitted here and there under the garland of hearts that formed the pretty decorations.

A delicious salad course, bisque ice cream, cake, salted almonds and pink and white hearts shaped mints were served by the hostess, assisted by Mesdames Frank Arnold, W. K. Nisbet, W. S. McGary and Stella M. Kemp.

The table covers, napkins and doilies in design carried out the valentine motif effectively.

As the wee small hours drew near the guests departed with happy memories of this occasion that will not be forgotten.

THIS TOWN PLAYS THE FAVORITE STRONG.

Changes Its Name From Cook to Peary-
ville When Returns Come In.

Dublin, Ind., Feb. 14.—As an echo of the famous Cook-Peary controversy, the hamlet of Cook, near Owensville, located in the "pocket" of Southern Indiana, will change its name from Cook to Pearyville. The settlement took on the name of Cook following the alleged discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Cook, but when his evidence failed to prove his claim the residence of the place decided to change the name of the hamlet in keeping with the recognized discovery.

A. J. Watts Dead.

A. J. Watts, a former citizen of this place, died at Madisonville Monday of old age, being past 70 years old; been quite feeble for some time. He was buried at the Madisonville cemetery Tuesday afternoon. He leaves a wife and four children; Theo. Watts, of this city, being a son. Mr. Watts was well and favorably known in this place and has many friends who join the family in their sorrow.

Cumberland Presbyterian Gets the Pub- lishing House.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 12.—The case involving the ownership of the Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House of this city was decided by the Supreme Court today in favor of the Loyalist, a non Unionist faction of the church. This case has attracted widespread attention.

Banks in Suit.

Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 15.—The Bankers' Trust Company, of St. Louis, has filed suit in the United States Court against Morton's Bank and Trust Company, of Madisonville, for \$10,000, due on a promissory note dated April 4, 1908, and due the same year.

NO ELECTRIC HEADLIGHTS

Will Shine on Kentucky Railroad
Engines.

BILL KILLED IN HOUSE BY
VOICE OF 52 TO 26.

The House of Representatives killed the William's bill, calling for electrical headlights on locomotives, Tuesday, by a vote of 52 to 26, and engines in Kentucky may still use the oil headlights of olden days.

It is the claim of the railroad faction that the electrical headlight blinds the employees, and is more dangerous than the oil, while some claim the opposite—that the oil light can be seen for only a short distance, and that the electrical headlight would lessen the danger of collisions and accidents to employees.

The L. & N. now has a test suit in the Evansville courts to test the same law, recently passed in Indiana.

MORE GOLD FIELDS FOUND.

More Evidence of Alaska's Great Min-
eral Wealth Discovered.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Alaska, which Secretary Baughman has frequently said is America's prize package, may be a greater prize than man has ever dreamed of. Recent investigations in the Iauke district, the Central Kuskokwim valley, and the new Haiditar district, now partly finished by the United States Geological Survey, disclose new placer gold fields, which promise very heavy returns.

ROLAND RICH.

Wife Murderer Gets Ninety Nine Years In
Penitentiary.

Roland Rich, who during the Hopkins county fair last year shot and killed his wife, received a sentence of ninety nine years from the jury in the circuit court at Madisonville yesterday afternoon.

Rich plead guilty of murder in the first degree and asked the mercy of the court. The jury then returned to the jury room and in a few minutes returned bringing the verdict.

NOT MRS. GUNNESS.

Woman in State of Washington Was
Norwegian.

Laporte, Ind., Feb. 16.—"This woman is not Mrs. Gunness," was the message received by Prof. or Sheriff Austin Laporte, who is in Washington state to investigate reports that the Laporte area murderer has been located there. The woman was a Norwegian and had been an advertisement in the Norwegian papers seeking a husband.

The East End Card Club.

Despite the snow the members of the club were promptly on hand at the residence of Mrs. Ed. Rule on last Friday. The visitors were Mesdames J. B. Atkinson and N. W. Umstead and Miss Maggie Turner. Mrs. Southworth won the largest number of games. The hostess served a salad course, followed by pineapple-triple, cake, mints and salted almonds.

Judge Little Dangerously Ill.

Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 15.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon there was an apparent change in the condition of Judge L. P. Little, who is regarded as being dangerously ill.

NOTES WILL BE PAID OFF

County Board of Education Will Prob-
ably Meet Current Obligations.

The County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting in the office of the County Superintendent at Madisonville on Monday. The session lasted through the morning, adjourning at noon until the next regular meeting, on March 14th. The business was routine and consisted largely in passing on sundry small bills and accounts and making or considering several unimportant changes in district boundaries. David Gordon was in the meeting for the first time, as chairman of the eighth educational division, succeeding David Buchanan, who recently removed from that division. One encouraging feature was the statement by the treasurer of the Board that the sheriff's settlements had brought to the treasury a thousand dollars or more in excess of the total as indicated by the information in hand when report was made at the December meeting. The Board passed a resolution instructing the treasurer to pay off outstanding notes and stop interest. The indications are that funds in hand will be sufficient to discharge all these obligations and to pay remaining bills for current incidentals.

SURVEY TO SOON BEGIN

On the Proposed L. & N. Line From
Nashville to Owensboro.

Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 16.—The work on the survey of the proposed line of the L. & N. which is to be built from Nashville to Owensboro, will be commenced, possibly within the next two weeks. The route as now proposed will be from Nashville to Adairville, thence to Morgantown and Beaver Dam, coming on to Hartford and entering Owensboro. This will then give Owensboro much better railroad facilities, and will be a great help to all eastern points when the new bridge is built across the Ohio river.

The matter of building this road has been under consideration for some time, and it was first suggested that the route would be made so as to include Leitchfield, connecting with the I. C., at that point, but this idea, it is said, has been abandoned, and the line, after entering Hartford, will be built direct to Owensboro. The Business Men's association has been instrumental in securing this latter route, feeling that it would be much more advantageous to the people of Owensboro.

Ball Murder Trial Begins at Henderson.

Henderson, Ky., Feb. 16.—The murder trial of William K. Ball, charged with the killing of Ed. Duke, of Denver, Col., the star of the Albuquerque Fair and Racing Association, here, on August 27 last, is on trial here in the Circuit Court. After the examination of a venire of 144 eleven jurors have been accepted by both sides. The remaining juror will be secured this morning, and the hearing of the testimony begun. The Hon. J. Powell Taylor is sitting as special judge in the case, and Congressman A. O. Stanley and Judge John L. Dorsey are counsel for the defense.

Former Judge of Court of Appeals Dying.

Bowling Green, Feb. 16.—Reports from Morgantown state that Judge B. L. D. Guffy, late judge of the Court of Appeals, is very low with pneumonia, and that he is not expected to survive the day.